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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Toshio UENO

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COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
FOR RANK ASSIGNMENT

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
March 2, 2006, the term for response to which expires on
June 2, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3-20 and
22-30 are amended; claims 2, 21 and 31-41 are canceled; and
claims 42-54 are added.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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